

### **REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Initially, Applicants and their attorney would like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to speak with Applicants' attorney concerning the possible approaches to addressing the rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004.

Applicants and their attorney are pleased to note the continued allowance of Claims 6-10.

It is noted that Claims 1 and 11-20 were previously cancelled. Claim 3 has now been cancelled, without prejudice, by the foregoing amendments.

#### **Rejection of Claim 3**

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As noted hereinabove, Claim 3 has been cancelled, thereby obviating this rejection. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the subject matter of Claim 3.

#### **Rejections of Claims 2-5**

Also on page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 2-5 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-5 of US Patent 6,639,012. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,639,012, which is believed to overcome this double-patenting rejection with respect to pending Claims 2 and 4-5.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that Claims 2 and 4-5 are now in condition for allowance and that Claims 6-10 continue to be allowable. Accordingly, allowance of Claims 2 and 4-10 is hereby respectfully requested.

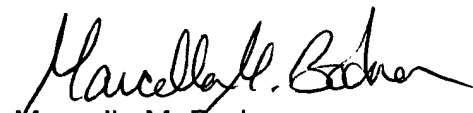
If there remain any outstanding issues which the Examiner believes could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss same at the telephone number provided below.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the submission of this Amendment And Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, any such fees, including petition and extension fees, are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees, as well as to credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 18-1850**. In the meantime, please direct all future correspondence relating to the present application to the undersigned attorney.

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